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South Fulton Council Chooses to Disable Livestream Chat to Combat Misinformation

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – March 18, 2022) – The City of South Fulton City Council today issued the following statement regarding a decision to disable the live chat feature on live streams of council meetings.

After considering comments from residents, the City of South Fulton has chosen to disable the live chat feature for council meetings broadcast via live stream on its YouTube account. People have observed and commented that more professionalism and unity should be evident during meetings.

Council members feel the chat is a distraction from this pursuit in that it allows individuals to make disparaging comments and purposefully post inaccurate information, while remaining anonymous and free from accountability. In addition, the chat is not the city's official means of hearing public input from residents.

Now that the city is again conducting in-person meetings, anyone wishing to address the council may do so at one of those meetings. Residents also may submit written comments using the official online comment form, which can be accessed by clicking the Public Comment icon on the main webpage at www.cityofsouthfultonga.gov. This will ensure all comments become part of the official record, which chat comments do not.

The city appreciates the public's understanding and cooperation as it works to make meetings more efficient with a proper level of professionalism.

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